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MEMORANDUM OF A DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY RUSK ON 10 APRIL 1962

SUBJECT: Brazilian Foreign Minister Dantas

1. Rusk explained that he had had confidential discussion with Dantas concerning Cuba and had told Dantas that Castro's affiliation with International Communism and his efforts to subvert or otherwise influence other Caribbean and Latin American countries were not negotiable as far as the United States was concerned. Rusk indicated other matters such as compensation for American prisoners, etc. were in his opinion negotiable.

2. [REDACTED]

3. Rusk envisaged a two-stage operation; first the rupture between Castro and the Communist and, second the disposal of Castro. At one point Rusk intimated that Castro might be acceptable if free of Communist influence. McCone disagreed.

4. Rusk felt we should attempt to develop a direct unattributable contact with Castro as the ability to reach him might be important at some future time.

5. Rusk denied any involving policy on Food for Prisoners. McCone expressed great concern over AG's talks with [REDACTED] President's meeting this afternoon with Cardona, which Rusk knew nothing about. Apparently probing in this area is being done outside of State.

6. In summary, Rusk felt we should [REDACTED] to split Castro and the Communists but should not under any circumstances reveal our decision reference Castro.

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